



### **2007 National POW/MIA Recognition Day**

On September 21st, America and the Army honor the service and sacrifice of those who have been Prisoners of War, those who are Missing in Action, and their Families.

We owe a tremendous debt of gratitude to those who have been Prisoners of War and endured much hardship in captivity, and to their Families who suffered the pain and sacrifice of living each day without knowing the fate of their loved ones.

Our pledge to those who remain missing, including those in our current war – Staff Sergeant Keith Matthew Maupin, Specialist Ahmed Kousay Altaie, Specialist Alex Ramon Jimenez, and Private Bryon Wayne Fouty– is reflected clearly in the Army's Warrior Ethos:

I will always place the mission first.  
I will never accept defeat.  
I will never quit.  
I will never leave a fallen comrade.

We remain determined to fully account for servicemembers who have yet to return home from all wars. Their sacrifices have paid for our many freedoms and their courage continues to inspire us.

Never Forget.

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General, United States Army  
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Secretary of the Army